

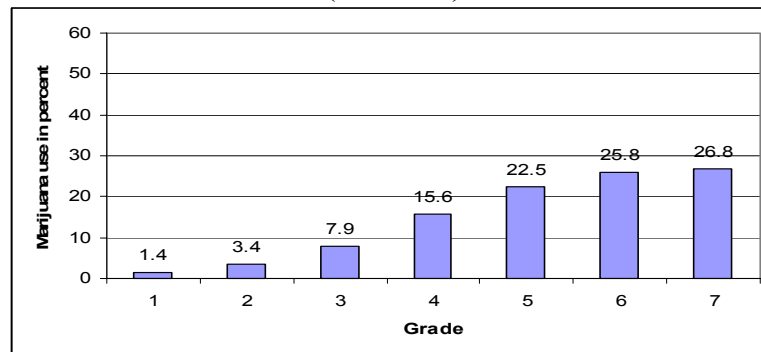
Marijuana

Maine Drug Use Fact Sheet – April 2005 Community Epidemiology Surveillance Network (CESN)

Marijuana use in Maine continues to be a significant issue, for youth in particular, but also for the general population as well. Marijuana is the second drug of choice for youth after alcohol. It is the primary drug for youth substance abuse treatment admissions and is identified as the second leading cause for all treatment admissions.

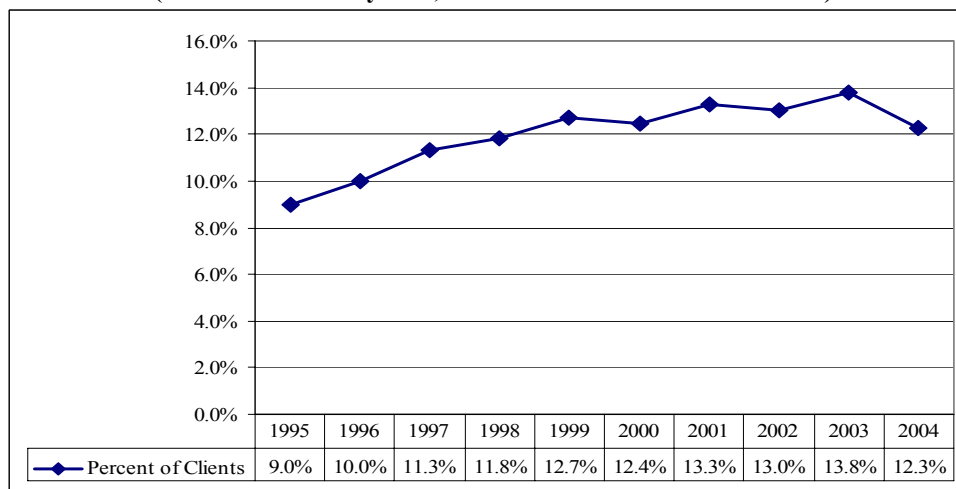
- ***26.8% of Maine 12th graders reported marijuana use in the past month.***

**Past month marijuana use by grade, 2004
(MYDAUS)**



- ***The Maine Office of the Chief Medical Examiner data shows that 18% of people who died of drug overdoses had marijuana present in their system.***
- ***The percent of marijuana arrests by the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency has gone from 18% to 34% from 2003 to 2004.***
- ***Though the percentage of clients admitted for marijuana in fiscal year 2004 decreased, it remains the second highest problem identified at admission for substance abuse treatment.***

**Proportion of clients admitted for marijuana-related treatment, 1995-2004
(Treatment Data System, Maine Office of Substance Abuse)**



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